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SUBJECT: GATT COUNCIL -- FINNISH REQUEST FOR NEGOTIATIONS

UNDER ARTICLE XXVIII:4

1. FINNISH MISSION HAS INFORMED US THA FINLAND INTENDS TO
ASK FOR COUNCIL APPROVAL UNDER AGENDA ITEM OTHER BUSINESS TO ENTER
INTO RENEGOTIATIONS UNDER ART XXVIII:4. PERTINENT PARAGRAPH OF
FINNISH COMMUNICATION READS AS FOLLOWS: BEVG8.

THE REQUEST IS A CONSEQUENCES OF A REVISION OF THE FINNISH
IMPORT LEVY SYSTEM ON AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS. IN THE CONTEXT
OF THE REVISION A NUMBER OF SPECIFIC IMPORT LEVIES ARE
INTENDED TO BE TRANSFORMED TO AD VALOREM DUTIES. THE LEVEL
OF DUTIES HAS BEEN CALCULATED AS AN AVERAGE OF THE INCIDENCES
OF THE YEARS 1974, 1975 AND 1976. SINCE SOME OF THESE LEVIES
ARE GATT BOUND, FINLAND IS PREPARED TO ENTER INTO RENEGOTIA-
TIONS OF SCHEDULE XXIV - FINLAND CONCERNING THE BOUND LEVIES
AFFECTED BY THE REVISION, WHICH IS MAINLY OF A TECHNICAL
NATURE, KIND OF STREAMLINING OF THE FINNISH IMPORT LEVY
SYSTEM, IMPLYING ONLY MINOR CHANGES IN THE LEVEL OF
PROTECTION. END QUOTE

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2. FIN REP (EKBLOM) TELLS US THAT NEW FINNISH IMPORT
LEVY SYSTEM WILL BECOME EFFECTIVE JAN 1, 1978 AND THAT
FINNS DESIRE TO ENTER INTO RENEGOTIATIONS IMMEDIATELY
AFTER THE SUMMER BREAK WITH THE AIM OF COMPLETING THEM
BY END OF YEAR. SWITCHOVER TO AD VALOREM DUTIES INVOLVES
APPROXIMATELY 162 TARIFF LINES (CONTAINED IN 48 FOUR-

DIGIT BTN ITEMS) IN BTN CHAPTERS 1 TO 24.

COPIES OF DETAILED LIST OF PROPOSED CHANGES POUCHED TO
STARKY (STR), DUNFORD (EB/OT) AND G. WHITE (AGRICULTURE).

3. UNLESS INSTRUCTED OTHERWISE, WE WILL ENTER INTO
COUNCIL CONSENSUS AUTHORIZING THESE RENEGOTIATIONS.VANDEN HEUVEL

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